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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-369)

PATENT

In re Application of: Brewer et al.)

Serial No.: 08/484,337)

Filed: June 7, 1995)

For: Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF))
Inhibitor and Method)
for Obtaining Same)

Before the Examiner: L. Spector

Group Art Unit: 1647

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 20, 2001

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed December 20, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

C 1 ~~70~~. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide having TNF inhibitory activity, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence as shown in Figure 20 or a fragment thereof, but that has at least one non-native cysteine residue at the N-terminus, C-terminus, residue 14, or residue 105.

Please cancel claims 80-82 without prejudice or disclaimer.